



## St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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## Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Along with Miss Grenville (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Gillam (Thursday and Friday) I am delighted to welcome children back to St Mary's in year 5. Every one of them settled in beautifully after a well-earned summer break. We are getting used to routines together and looking forward to an exciting year ahead with new Big Questions and opportunities to learn.

Learning topics will include:

### **Maths**

Basic number work starting with place value, calculation using all four operations and fractions before Christmas.

### **English**

We shall be basing a diary entry, non-chronological report and narrative on class books Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick and Anglo Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman. We then hope to tackle play scripts and poetry based on the classic, A Christmas Carol. We shall be setting spelling each week and testing these on a Tuesday. Please do read with your children and urge them to record this in their log book so that we can track their reading and praise them for it! Reading is such a vital part of writing, spelling and widening vocabulary and general knowledge for all other subjects.

### **RE**

We are developing a new scheme of work for RE and this term we shall be covering Creation and Covenant – virtues and values linked with stories from the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments and God's covenant with man. We shall encourage children to reflect on the relevance of teaching with their lives today.

### **Science**

We shall be investigating properties and changing materials so please brace yourself for questions about ice cream, toast and irreversible changes!

### **Topic**

For our history topic – and linking with other subjects - we shall be learning about Anglo Saxons on a domestic level, imagining what life may have been like. If there are any nuggets of research or information you can access, please encourage children to participate in a display in the corridor to enhance their learning.



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As the topic spreads throughout the whole of the autumn term, this would be a lovely project for researching over the half term holiday.

### **Art/DT**

We have started the year creating self-portraits and will go on to experiment with print making and then look at frame construction in DT.

### **Music**

As well as having regular Singing Praise each week now, year 5 will be having guitar lessons together this term at school with the County Music Service.

### **PE**

Children will be participating in football and fitness this term. As you will see from the timetable, PE falls on Wednesday and Thursday so please make sure your child comes to school dressed in their kit.

### **Homework**

Each week, we shall be setting homework on a Friday. Children should return their completed homework the following Friday, when we will mark and discuss it together. It's a valuable opportunity to iron out any worries or misunderstandings once children have had a go at challenges. If there are any worries before Friday, please make a note in your child's log book and ask them to bring it to me or any of the year 5 team. Otherwise, we intend to check log books once a week, probably on a Monday.

### **Reading**

Please log any reading that is undertaken at home for 15 minutes or more. Please read with your children. Ask what their book is about or what's happening in it as children are encouraged now to recount or demonstrate their understanding of texts.

### **Uniform**

The children came to school looking very sharp last week. There were a couple of lost jumpers and these were difficult to reunite with their owners as there was not always a name inside. Please use a permanent marker to clearly mark your child's name in their clothes so they never even reach the lost property box!

This should be an exciting prelude to the children's final year at St Mary's. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns or queries and thank you for your support thus far. The children arrive looking consistently smart, rested and ready to learn!



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